

FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM TELECONFERENCE

June 19, 2003

FFLC MEETING SUMMARY

Several Forum members had attended the June 2003 FFLC meeting in Baltimore, MD. Jim Kiefer (Region 8) led a discussion of the meeting highlights:

- A federal facilities intergovernmental steering committee is forming to address the “one-cleanup program” initiative now underway. The committee will begin by examining implementation of the program at selected pilot sites. Members wishing to recommend pilot sites are requested to contact Renee Wynn (FFRRO) or Kiefer.
- Marianne Horinko (OSWER) recently received comments from John Woodley (DOD) on EPA’s draft document concerning post-ROD authority principles. DOD’s comments differ considerably from earlier post-ROD agreements negotiated between EPA and the Navy, and instead conform to the Air Force perspective on post-ROD authorities. The comments focus on the need to streamline the process for documenting cleanup and to reduce the volume of documentation that is required. Horinko responded to Woodley on June 13, 2003, emphasizing the need to separate the issue of post-ROD authority as opposed to the need for document streamlining.
- During the upcoming BRAC IPR scheduled for July 16, 2003, Headquarters will hold a regional roundtable to discuss BRAC issues.
- Several Army representatives provided information on the use of fixed-price remediation contracts, which are intended to provide a turn-key operation for reaching regulatory closure. Widespread use of these contracts across DOD sites is anticipated.
- The FFLC plans to form a workgroup to address problems associated with the Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket.
- Updates were exchanged regarding contaminants of current and significant concern, such as 1,4-dioxane and other stabilizing agents.
- Headquarters staff demonstrated the federal facilities module of the new Superfund “eFacts” database.
- FFRRO is developing a Lotus-based database for regional use in providing consistent BRAC “quarterly report” information to Headquarters. The database may be ready for trial use by one or two regions in preparing the July report. Headquarters plans to fully implement the system in time for the October report.

FALL 2003 TSP MEETING PLANS

Kiefer confirmed that the Fall 2003 TSP meeting will be held in Niagara Falls during the week of October 20. The Ground Water Forum plans to focus the meeting on issues regarding NAPL cleanup in fractured rock. Members are invited to submit to the Co-Chairs any suggestions for pertinent speakers or site visits. It was noted that this region contains several large Superfund sites that may be considered for visits during the meeting, including the Love Canal and Hooker Chemical sites.

CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND USE COVENANTS

Carmen White (Region 9) reported that the State of California recently issued new regulations requiring land use covenants to be included in all decision documents, except where infeasible. The state currently is evaluating whether the new regulations should be considered ARARs, and whether the regulations apply to areas adjacent to contaminated sites.

Christine Williams (Region 1) clarified that 1,4-dioxane has not been identified at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station as mentioned in the business summary of the Seattle meeting.

ATTENDEES

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Felicia Barnett, Region 4

Gene Jablonowski, Region 5

Dave Seely, Region 5

Mike Overbay, Region 6

Scott Marquess, Region 7

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